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**NEW LAUNCH POSITION IDENTIFIED
WUZHAI SSM R/D/TNG LAUNCH SITE A1/A2/A3/A4, CHINA**

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1. **SIGINIFICANCE:** THE LAYOUT AND SIZE OF THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION INDICATES THAT TESTING OF A LAND-BASED VERSION OF THE CSS-NX-3 IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** A NEW LAUNCH POSITION, DESIGNATED A4, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AT WUZHAI SSM RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING LAUNCH SITE A1/A2/A3. LAUNCH POSITION A4 IS A [] SQUARE LAUNCH PAD WITH A LOADING APRON [] IT IS LOCATED 25.0 METERS NORTH OF LAUNCH POSITION A3, AT THE EDGE OF THE CIRCULAR A3 APRON. THE LAYOUT AND SIZE OF THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION INDICATES THAT IT WILL BE A PROTOTYPE LAUNCH SITE FOR A LAND-BASED VERSION OF THE SOLID-PROPELLENT CSS-NX-3. (SWN)

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION BEGAN [] ON [] EXCAVATION WAS OBSERVED AT THE EDGE OF THE APRON FOR LAUNCH POSITION A3. THIS EXCAVATION WAS SMALLER THAN THE EXCAVATION OBSERVED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAUNCH POSITION A3 IN AUGUST 1978. [] THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION WAS COVERED WITH A CONCRETE EXTENSION TO THE A3 APRON. [] A CABLE TRENCH AND AT LEAST THREE AND POSSIBLY FOUR LAUNCH STAND TIE-DOWN POINTS COULD BE DISCERNED. [] TWO PROBABLE UMBILICAL TOWERS HAD BEEN INSTALLED NEXT TO THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION. THREE CAMERA/INSTRUMENTATION POSITIONS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED NEARBY. ALSO, ONE NEW LIGHT STANDARD HAS BEEN INSTALLED, AND ONE OF THE OLD LIGHT STANDARDS HAS BEEN MOVED TO WHERE IT IS OUTSIDE THE APRON EXTENSION. A NEW LOADING APRON, 22.0 METERS LONG [] WAS CONSTRUCTED FOR POSITION A4. THE FORMER A3 LOADING APRON WAS OBLITERATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF POSITION A4. A NEW LOADING APRON HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR POSITION A3, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE NEW A4 LOADING APRON. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- IN ADDITION TO THE SIZE AND LAYOUT OF THE NEW LAUNCH POSITION SEVERAL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SUGGEST THAT IT MAY BE USED FOR FUTURE TESTING OF THE CSS-NX-3, OR A LAND-BASED VERSION OF THAT MISSILE. FIRST, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A NEW LAUNCH POSITION WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE CSS-2, THE ONLY OTHER MISSILE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS LAUNCH FACILITY. THE CSS-2 IS A PROVEN, OPERATIONAL MISSILE, WELL BEYOND THE FLIGHT TEST PHASE. SECOND, THE CHANGE IN LOADING AZIMUTH BETWEEN THE OLD POSITION A3 LOADING APRON AND THE POSITION A4 LOADING APRON IS ALMOST THE SAME AS THAT BETWEEN THE POSITION A1 LOADING APRON AND THE ORIENTATION OF THE MODIFIED SRBM TRANSPORTER/ERECTOR (T/E) USED DURING THE 1981 CSS-NX-3 SURFACE-LAUNCH FLIGHT TESTS. THE LOADING AZIMUTH AT POSITION A1 IS 231 DEGREES. HOWEVER, THE CSS-NX-3 ASSOCIATED SRBM T/E WAS MATED WITH THE LAUNCH STAND _____

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_____ THE ORIENTATION OF THE T/E WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE MISSILE LAUNCH AZIMUTH EVEN THOUGH THE T/E WAS USED AS A SERVICE TOWER, RATHER THAN TO ACTUALLY ERECT THE CSS-NX-3 MISSILE. SIMILARLY, THE OLD POSITION A3 LOADING AZIMUTH WAS 220 DEGREES, WHILE THE POSITION A4 _____

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NEVERTHELESS, THE AZIMUTHS AT POSITION A1 DO NOT CORRESPOND TO THOSE AT POSITIONS A3 AND A4. ANALYSIS ON THE LAUNCH POSITION WILL CONTINUE. (SWN) _____

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